

## COLOR OF THE LAW

## Policy

## On Duty

While conducting any department business that might remotely bring a commissioned officer into contact with a law enforcement situation, the officer will be in uniform in accordance with Department policy. The obvious exceptions are those officers officially assigned to work plainclothes. The end of the document is already being displayed.

or plainclothes patrols approved by the Assistant Chief of Area Operations or above. Conducting law enforcement activities other than under the "color of law" (i.e., full uniform), or as described above, will be strictly prohibited.

Disguising the "color of the law" is prohibited. Examples of this are: working in uniform disguised by a plain coat, intentionally covering vehicle insignias or license plates with mud or magnetic signs, etc.

## Off Duty

In those instances where the officer is confronted with a law enforcement situation while off duty, discretion will be used before taking any action. No action will be taken until the officer has identified him/herself with a badge and has the other proper equipment (e.g., firearm, citation book, handcuffs, etc.) to effectively handle the situation. Whenever a law enforcement action is taken while off duty, the immediate supervisor will be notified as soon as possible and an incident report will be submitted.